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In re: Iwen *et al.*
Appl. No.: To Be Assigned Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Filed: Filed Concurrently Herewith
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
INSTALLING MASKING BARRIERS

December 17, 2001

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification:

On page 1, under the heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS," please amend the paragraph as follows:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/491,756, filed January 27, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/117,582, filed January 27, 1999, and is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 8, 13, 17 and 30-45 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Once Amended) A method for making a roll of barrier material comprising:
providing an elongated laterally folded sheet of barrier material having first and second sides, a top end and a bottom end, and having a lengthwise

extending midpoint, said folded sheet defined by at least three folds above and three folds below the midpoint along its length;
attaching an adhesive strip lengthwise to the first side of the barrier at approximately the midpoint between the top end and bottom end; and
rolling the folded sheet to form a cylindrical roll of adhesive-containing masking material.

16. (Once Amended) A method of applying a sheet of barrier material to a first structure comprising the steps of:

providing a roll of barrier material having an elongated sheet having a first side and a second side, and a top end and a bottom end, said sheet having a midpoint located lengthwise, said sheet folded along its length thereof to form a folded sheet defined by at least three folds above and three folds below the midpoint along its length thereof with an adhesive strip positioned at approximately the midpoint between the top end and bottom end;
unrolling a predetermined length of folded sheet from the roll;
cutting the sheet longitudinally from the roll; and
affixing the sheet to the structure by pressing the adhesive strip against the structure.

REMARKS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/491,756, filed January 27, 2000. The pending claims in the present application are 1-7, 9-12, 14-16, and 18-29. The above amendments are intended to place the claims in better form for examination. Please consider this Preliminary Amendment before calculating the filing fee.

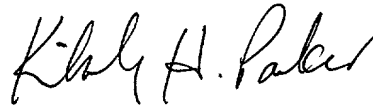
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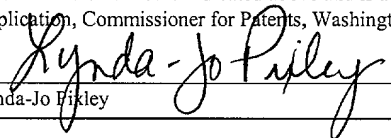


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three folds below the midpoint along its length thereof with an adhesive strip positioned at [a predetermined distance from the ends] approximately the midpoint between the top end and bottom end;

unrolling a predetermined length of folded sheet from the roll;

cutting the sheet longitudinally from the roll; and

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